

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 3, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 3, 2005.

Claims 1-83 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

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| Species I | First tubular with profiled lower end (Fig. 1-4) |
| Species II | First tubular with profiled end have lower end with greater internal diameter than the rest of casing (Fig. 5) |
| Species III | First tubular with enclosed flow passages (Fig. 6) |
| Species IV | First tubular with profiled end with an upset in casing (Fig. 7) |
| Species V | First tubular with profiled end defining axial flutes above a lower end (Fig. 8) |
| Species VI | First tubular with profiled lower end and area above lower has greater diameter (Fig. 9) |
| Species VII | Second tubular has profiled end (Fig. 10) |
| Species VIII | First and second tubulars have profiled ends (Fig. 11) |

Applicant provisionally elects Species I, to which claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 23-44, 49-52, 54-60, 62, 66-75 and 80-83 read on, without traverse.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal or modification of the restriction requirement. Applicant respectfully requests prosecution of claims 1-13, 15, 16, 18-20, 23-44, 49-52, 54-60, 62, 66-75 and 80-83.

Respectfully submitted,

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